

Man Nabbed Following Gun Battle

Albert Disaruffino, 25, of Huntington Park, was captured by Torrance Police following a running gun battle late Saturday.

who were notified, arrived, chasing the suspect and firing three warning shots in the air. The gunman returned fire and police lost his trail after firing three more shots.

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Torrance Not in Air Test Area

Residents of the Victoria Park Civic Council, concerned over recent air crashes, wrote Washington DC to find out whether any experimental testing is permitted in this area.

Wilmington, Gardena, Torrance and Compton do not lie below the flight test areas, according to a letter to the group from Col. Edward E. Jenkins, chief, Civil Liaison division, Office of Informational Services, Department of the Air Force.

"On February 21, 1957 following several meetings with military administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Fourth Region designated certain flight test areas in Southern California. The communities of Wilmington, Gardena, Torrance and Compton do not lie below their flight test areas," the letter read in part.

\$5 MILLION PARK PROJECT SLATED

EDITORIAL

Progress

With this special edition the Torrance Press salutes Torrance, the All-America City, and all the individuals and institutions who have made Torrance what it is.

Torrance's story is a success story in the true tradition of American pioneering.

As we read of our city's humble beginnings and gradual influx of individuals and industries to the community, followed by the rapid and skyrocketing growth in the past five years, we realize that pioneers in this age or any age have one bond in common — the challenge of new frontiers and the search for opportunity.

It is this spirit which has caused Torrance to flourish, and it is this spirit which underlies the many special articles about Torrance which may be found in this edition.

It is because Torrance has met this challenge well that it was honored nationally as an "All-America City."

Being an "All-America City" does not mean that Torrance is an "all-perfect city," as the mayor has frequently pointed out.

But it does mean that Torrance will continue to conquer new problems with enthusiasm, courage and vigor.

It does mean that Torrance will continue to be the city of opportunity.

City-Wide Parks, Playgrounds Slated

In order to develop a properly-balanced system of park, recreation and civic facilities, Louis J. Kroeger and Associates presented a survey to the City Council Tuesday recommending that the city acquire and develop such facilities for a total cost of approximately \$5,000,000.

The report suggests that these acquisitions and developments will give the citizens of Torrance a total system amounting to about \$25,000,000.

Robert L. Gold, project director, presented his report to the council with recommendations "designed to bring the entire city up to a practical and reasonable standard of diversified sites and facilities to meet the needs of the immediate future. Areas and facilities have been decentralized rather than concentrated."

Adequate Standards The report also states that the recommendations are within the

Copies of the brochure and maps including designated areas, facilities proposed, costs, and general outline of the project will be available for public viewing at the City Hall, both Torrance newspaper offices, city libraries, board of education recreation dept. and other public places.

limits of the city's financing practice and are made in terms of minimum - but - adequate standards.

Since speed is of the essence to obtain proper sites and keep costs to a minimum, Kroeger and Associates recommend immediate action. According to the report, bonds should be voted on in the early fall, and if successful work starts at once, the project should be completed in two years.

The general recommendations made are:

1. A network of small four-to-ten acre park and play facilities for the 24 community-neighborhoods, totalling approximately 365 acres. This presupposes close cooperation between the city and school district so that additional facilities will not have to be acquired.

2. A system of three large areas with complete recreation facilities to serve each major section of the city totalling approximately 225 acres. Full cooperation with the high schools is assumed.

3. An expanded Civic Center to provide full facilities for city-wide cultural and civic activities, totalling approximately 65 acres. A large regional auditorium, Little Theatre and arts building built in cooperation with Los Angeles county should be included and plans should be made for a central library.

courts and other buildings.

4. Cooperation with the Los Angeles county in the development of one large Sports Center between 135 and 170 acres in size, available for city-wide use. It would serve Torrance and the South Bay region.

5. A special large fair and amusement area located in connection with one of the larger parks.

Civic Center Specifically, the survey recommends that the present 30-acre area of the Civic Center be expanded to 65 acres. Acquisition of the additional 35 acres north of the civic center is suggested, rather than the 55 acres originally proposed by the Council.

The fairground and children's amusement center would be located at the northwest corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw blvds. It would include a skating rink, kiddies-land, and level park area sufficient for special attractions.

In South Torrance a park would be located in the "Walteria Lake" land west of Hawthorne ave., and north of Pacific Coast hwy. It would cost \$300,000 and include tennis courts, fly casting pool, indoor swimming pool and indoor recreation center.

North Torrance The North district park is suggested for the area northeast of 182nd st., and Yukon ave. It would be similar in nature to the proposed South Torrance park.

"Neighborhood" parks are proposed for location near the Carr, Lincoln and Jefferson Schools, and an area bounded by Sepulveda blvd., Crenshaw blvd., and the city limits; a section bounded by Pacific Coast hwy., Crenshaw blvd., and the city limits; and at the southerly end of Madison st. Each site would be 10 acres in area.

To summarize these recommendations, the city would be provided with 1 golf course, an auditorium and little theatre, 3 indoor and 2 outdoor swimming pools, 5 recreation centers, 15 tennis courts and numerous other important facilities. This will mean that approximately 310 percent of the residents, including children in any major section of the city, will be able to use the facilities at any given period.

On Top at El Camino

The Wilsons have it at El Camino college. Outnumbering the Joneses, Smiths and Browns, the Wilsons comprise a .0282 percentage of the Warriors' 177 instructors.

Problems To Be Aired At Town-Meeting Dinner

Torrance residents will have a chance to air problems and ask questions of city officials at a public dinner to be held April 30 at the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty in Walteria.

The dinner is sponsored by Hills Homeowners, Palos Verdes-Riviera Homeowners, El-Linwood Homeowners, Victoria Terrace Homeowners, Victoria Knolls Homeowners and the South Torrance Democratic club.

Civic shortcomings which members of the group plan to bring out are that Torrance is fast becoming a city of sumps, that there is no master plan for South Torrance, that the "lilliputian library" of South Torrance no longer serves the area properly and that additional police protection is needed, spokesmen for the group indicated.

Reservations may be made through members of any one of the clubs.

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS: Contributions to cystic fibrosis research at Harbor General hospital have been made by the Lawyers' Wives club of Long Beach (\$100) and Monroe Shapiro of Beverly Hills (\$100).

TRACK MEET: The annual Optimist club sponsored track meet for junior high school boys will be held Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at Torrance High school.

BAND CONCERT: The North High school band, under the direction of Marty Baum, will give a concert May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Torrance High school auditorium. The event is open to the public.

HOSPITAL: Women volunteers are being sought for the Little Company of Hospital drive. Women are needed to sort cards by street and block number during their spare

time. Campaign headquarters is at 1728 Andree, FA. 8-8616. The work can be done at home.

FACTORY: Thiem Industries, Inc., wants to establish a facility on a three-acre site south of 174th st., west of Western ave., it was reported. The landowner, T. M. Normann of 1948 W. 174th st. is seeking to have the area rezoned from light manufacturing to heavy manufacturing. The firm makes electronics cabinets and is now located at 1522 W. 139th st.

COST-OF-LIVING: Approximately 300 hourly rated personnel of Northrop Aircraft Torrance installation will receive an additional one cent an hour effective April 29 as the result of the .9 of a point increase in the consumer's price index reported for March 15, according to Whitley C. Collins, president of the firm.

SIGNALS: Plans and specifications for installation of traffic signals on 208th st. at both Vermont ave. and Main st. at an approximate cost of \$38,000 were approved today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Simultaneously, the Board of Supervisors called for competitive bids for construction of the badly-needed control devices. Chace indicated that schedules call for completion of the project in approximately 90 days.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Sunday, April 28, the clock is set forward one hour as daylight savings time goes into effect.

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